

So Much to Talk About

Instructions:

- 1) Form a group of 3.
- 2) Decide who will be Dad, Mom, and Jessie.
- 3) Read your part when it is your turn.



DAD: It's time for family prayer!" Dad called.

JESSIE: Jessie raced down the stairs to join her family in the living room. Kneeling down between her sister, Kayla, and her brother, Aiden, she reverently folded her arms.

DAD: Dad looked over at her. "Jessie, could you say it tonight?" he asked.

JESSIE: Jessie nodded and bowed her head. "Dear Heavenly Father," she began, "we thank Thee for this day. We thank Thee for keeping us safe. Bless us to not have bad dreams tonight. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen." "Amen," the family echoed.

DAD: But before anyone could stand, Dad stopped them. "Just a minute," he said. "Mom and I want to talk to you about something."

MOM: Mom looked around at them, smiling. "We love how reverent you all are during our family prayers," she said. "But there's more to prayer than just being reverent. The words we say are important too."

JESSIE: Jessie wondered what Mom could mean. "Did I do something wrong?" she asked.

MOM: Mom pulled her into a hug. "Not at all, sweetie." She thought for a moment. "When you kids come home from school, what do I have you do?"

JESSIE: "Tell you about our day," Jessie said. Mom nodded at her.

MOM: "Prayers are like that. They're a chance to tell Heavenly Father about the important parts of your day, like what you're worried about or grateful for. That way you won't have to say the same things over and over."

JESSIE: "But the things I say over and over are the important parts," Jessie said. "I'm always grateful for my day. And I'm always scared about bad dreams."

MOM: "And that's OK," Mom said. "But I bet there are all sorts of other things Heavenly Father wants you to talk to Him about as well. Maybe you can try to think of some tonight."